

AROUND THE LAW BY A LOOP

WHITRIDGE TELLS HOW HE GOT AHEAD OF THE P. S. BOARD.

Whereupon Commissioner Maltbie intimates that Whitridge is a Fine Name for Newgate Calendar—Rapid Transitory Amenities at City Club.

Rapid transit was talked about at the luncheon of the City Club yesterday afternoon. William G. McAdoo of the Hudson tunnels and Frederick W. Whitridge, the receiver for the Third Avenue, were the principal speakers. Public Service Commissioner Milo R. Maltbie did not like some of the things that Mr. Whitridge had to say about the difficulties between the Third Avenue and the Public Service Commission in the matter of the Fort George loop, and said so. That was the signal for a reply from Mr. Whitridge.

Mr. Whitridge remarked at the beginning of his speech that when he became receiver for the Third Avenue he was almost as ignorant of the transportation problem as most of the Public Service Commissioners are now.

"I try to please everybody," said he, "and everybody wants to kick. The other day I got ten letters from men complaining about the coldness of my cars. By the same mail I got a letter from the president of the Women's Amalgamated Something, who complained of the heat. She said the cars were so hot that they bred tuberculosis. I sent the women's letter to the men, and it shut them up. And they kick too sometimes through the Public Service Commission."

"Now, I haven't any criticisms of the Public Service Commission. The papers this morning say that I have had a clash with them over the Fort George loop. The truth of the matter is this: When I took the Third Avenue they used to have a stub near Fort George, and three carloads of people would try to get into one car when it was already full of people wanting to get off. Of course they had a riot all the time. I learned that a loop would cure it. 'But,' says somebody, 'you can't build a loop without a franchise.'"

Then last November, Mr. Whitridge said, he began to work for that franchise. He had to see the Board of Estimate and the commission, and there was a large expenditure for advertising—all to find that the city asked too much for the franchise. He tried again, more advertising and no results and still the riot.

"Finally," said Mr. Whitridge, "I told the commission that unless I got an answer to my letter showing some results I would use my own judgment. No answer came at all and I began to build the loop. That shows the difficulty of getting anything accomplished in this town. It's a case of 'Abandon hope all ye who enter here.'"

Mr. Whitridge said that he wanted to electrify the East Broadway line and learned that in Washington it cost to build for \$64,000 a mile, but that here it would cost about three times as much. "Too many predatory interests and people," he said.

William G. McAdoo said that when it comes to operating a railroad the interests of the corporation and the public are identical, and that too much insistence upon a 5-cent fare for long runs would do nothing but defeat the object of getting good rapid transit lines.

Mr. Maltbie said this to Mr. Whitridge's address: The law prescribes certain ways of getting a franchise, and that law is just as binding upon a receiver appointed by a Federal court as upon anybody else. Indeed, he ought to be the first to yield. The law provides that no extension is to be built to an existing railroad until a franchise is obtained. The franchise won't be given as long as building goes on. There's a great hurrah for action, but we must be legal. In other days men were put in prison for building railroads without franchises.

That brought Mr. Whitridge to his feet. "Mr. Maltbie is unduly serious," said he. "He tells us that men are now in jail for doing what I have done. Some men think that law is an exact science. As a matter of fact the same statute is open to two contrary interpretations. He has given me credit for waiting the right laws. I was acting under a permit from the Borough President. There have to be some methods of getting around that string of statutory provisions."

This thing reminds me of the mandarin story. An American was invited to go to see a Chinese mandarin. He objected to all the ceremonies which were required of him. He got to the door and then sent in a request that some of them be left out. The answer came back, "No, the kowtow cannot be omitted."

NEW DAY LINE BOAT LAUNCHED.

The Robert Fulton to Be Ready for Business Early This Summer.

The Robert Fulton, the new steel side-wheeler of the Hudson River Day Line, was launched yesterday in the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, N. J. She was christened by Miss Anita Merle-Smith, granddaughter of the late Commodore Alfred Van Santvoord, founder of the Day Line. As Miss Merle-Smith broke a bottle of water drawn from the well at Clermont over the bow of the Fulton Miss Katherine L. Olcott, also a granddaughter of the Commodore, rang the old dinner bell of Robert Fulton's Clermont.

The new ship will have been completed in record time. Her keel was laid two months and nine days ago yesterday and two months and nine days hence she will be plying between New York and Albany. Her engines were constructed by the W. & A. Fletcher Company in Hoboken. She measures 2,000 tons, is 248 feet in length and 30 feet beam over guards. Her engine, of 3,850 horsepower, is expected to give her a speed of about 21 sea miles.

The Fulton has four decks, main, saloon, promenade and observation, and will accommodate 4,000 passengers. Among her decorations will be mural paintings illustrating the evolution of navigation on the Hudson and portraits of men conspicuous in the history of the river. The dining saloon will be on the main deck aft. In the main saloon besides the saloon will be dainty parlors, the ladies' boudoir, the lounging room and the writing room. On the deck above will be the glass-enclosed observation rooms encircled by the promenade for those who like to be in the open air. The Fulton will be fireproof and will be equipped with all the latest safety devices.

FIRES IN STANDARD PLANT.

Glimpse of a Stranger Running Away Raises Suspicion of Incendiarism.

There were two fires yesterday in the Standard Oil Company's Williamsburg plant. Just before the second fire was discovered a stranger was observed running out from the shipping shed on the north Eleventh street dock, and this led the company's officials and the firemen to believe that both conflagrations were incendiary.

The shipping dock projects more than 200 feet out in the East River and it contains thousands of barrels of gasoline, kerosene and other refined oils ready for shipment. The appearance of the stranger led two employees to investigate, and they found a fire near the centre of the dock behind barrels of gasoline. It was put out in short order.

The first fire was discovered at 8 o'clock this morning. It was in the oiling department on North Twelfth street near the East River and close to the ruins of the fire last month. It took an hour to get it under control.

\$40.00 Suits at \$34.74

Three-Piece Suits, made of imported wide-wale serge, in rose, gray, violet, tan, mode, navy and black. The gown is of jumper cut, the front breadth of the skirt continued over the shoulder with a small square yoke effect of Persian. The long coat has a short-waisted Directorate front, with a simulated bolero braided with silk cord, and a satin waistcoat piped with contrasting color and finished with folded satin girdle and fringe.

A style especially effective for small women; a \$40.00 value at.....

\$65.00 Suits at \$48.74

Three-Piece Suits, made of French Serge and Satin Cloth, in springlike shades of blue, lavender, green and leather; also black. This is a copy of an imported model, the Princess gown buttoning across one shoulder and to the hem of the skirt in front, a V-shaped vest of curved tucks out away in scallops at the top to show a glimpse of soft Persian colorings; folded satin girdle. The long, collarless jacket is finished with a band of the Persian and large ornaments of satin; a \$65.00 value at.....

Capes at \$10.74

Broadcloth Capes, long and full, fastened with three satin buttons and finished with a turn-over collar of satin and soft Persian tints. An inlaid band of the Persian is apparently buttoned into the seam over the shoulder, giving a long, graceful line. In many soft shades....

Other Capes in stock up to \$13.75.

Misses' Suits, Coats and Capes

Tailored Suits, in a variety of attractive colorings and materials—rose, blue, tan, brown, gray or black, in fine serges, chevrons or shepherd checks; two and three piece models, trimmed with silk braids and buttons, the coat lined with soft satin; 12 to 18 year sizes.

One hundred and fifty Tailored Suits, showing the most popular materials—French serge, fine wale chevion, fancy satin cloths and prunellas—in the newest shades—rose, reseda, tan, paon—in latest Spring models. The coats are lined with duchesse silk, with charming touches of color and distinction introduced in the trimming; regular sizes and sizes for small women and misses; a \$32.50 value.

Tailored Coats, made of fine gray or tan mannish mixtures, and smartly cut on severely straight lines; tailored sleeve, velvet collar, and three pockets with buttoned flaps; lined with tailor's silk serge; 10 to 16 year sizes.

The "Liberty" Cape, made of broadcloth and long and full, is finished with a quaint little gathered, silk-lined hood, fastened with a cord; in pink, pearl, gray, peach, light blue, rose, champagne, lavender or red—\$6.74.

Confirmation Dresses, made in daintiest fashion of white Swiss, lawn or organdie, in high neck models, trimmed with fine Val. laces, insertions, embroideries, medallions, and finished with girlish-looking ribbon bows; white Swiss drops under the trimmed skirts; 6 to 16 year sizes.

\$12.50 Semi-Made Robes \$9.39

White Batiste Robes, adorned with beautiful combinations of English eyelet and Japanese embroideries, the skirt with a 17-inch flounce and four bands of insertion; ample material and trimming for waist; value \$12.50, special \$9.39.

Misses' Petticoats and Blouses

for Misses' Petticoats, made of taffeta silk, in black, staple and evening colors, accordion pleating, finished with shirred flounce and rose ruche, percaline underlay.

Misses' Blouses, made of cotton crepe, tucked and trimmed with Cluny lace, hand-embroidered in colors, \$2.79.

R. M. Macy & Co.'s Attractions Are Their Low Prices.

Macy's



Satin Soleil and

Satin Prunella,

43 to 44 in. wide

All the New Spring colorings. Value \$1.00, at... 76c

64c for \$1.00 Black All-Wool Panama Cloth. Spring weight, 54 inches wide.

66c for \$1.00 Black Imported Prunella Cloth. Fast dye, 41 inches wide.

Splendid Silk Values

Imported Black Taffeta, manufactured by C. J. Bonnet & Co.; 35 inches wide; sold regularly at \$1.35, special at 94c.

Black Satin Directorate, 36 inches wide; sold regularly at \$1.35 a yard, special at 94c.

Messaline Satin, 19 inches wide, all the leading colors; sold regularly at 65c a yard, special at 49c.

Shantung Pongee Silk, 27 inches wide, complete range of colors; sold regularly at 65c a yard, special at 49c.

Imported Black Satin Majestic

40 inches wide; sold regularly at \$1.75, special \$1.39

Faithful Wash Goods Values

The simple truth about our Wash Goods is strong enough. But the difficulty is to put the simple truth before you.

The chances and the mischances, the happenings and the mishaps, the slips and the strokes of trade are always rolling opportunities Macy-way. We catch them and pass them on to you.

These are the latest:

19c for Crepe d'Illusion. The name is a misnomer. The fabric is not illusive or elusive—dainty but solidly palpable—hair-line stripes cashed with self-colored coin spots; 25 inches wide.

24c for 40c Linen Suitings

These Linen Suitings are native Irish. We culled them carefully, and every yard is true in weave. Nothing choicer for Spring Suits and Skirts. The color range includes tan, pink, light blue, cream, gray, wistaria and Copenhagen; 36 inches wide. The usual 40c. quality at 24c.

Anderson's Madras

40c and 50c Qualities at 28c

Madras—an Indian name—but the Scotch manufacturers have made the stuff famous by making it both strong and beautiful. The Andersons, of Glasgow—David and John—have won the highest recognition by their products. They have lifted Madras from a second-rate place up to the aristocracy of Cottons. The usual 40c. and 50c. qualities at 28c.

34c for Silk Chiffon Mull, wide Jacquard satin stripes—all the charmingest Spring colorings. For street wear; for evening wear.

Women's 85c Silk Elastic Belts at 49c

Fine Silk Elastic Belts, with handsome imported enameled buckles to match—black, white, navy, green, gray, brown, champagne, red, light blue and Alice blue; made to retail at 85c. and \$1.00; special at 49c. Bronze Leather Belts, \$2.74 and \$3.49.

Stair and Hall Carpets Reduced

Tapestry Brussels Carpets, 27 in. wide, reduced from 89c to 48c

Wool Velvet Carpets, 27 in. wide, reduced from \$1.09 to 69c

Wilton Velvet Carpets, 27 in. wide, reduced from \$1.44 to 98c

Japanese Straw Mattings Reduced

40-yd. Rolls, reduced from \$11.89 to \$7.49

40-yd. Rolls, reduced from \$14.89 to \$9.48

Royal Wilton Rugs Reduced

Reduced from \$31.49 to \$25.74—6 x 9 ft.

Reduced from \$44.74 to \$33.89—8 1/4 x 10 1/2 ft.

Reduced from \$48.74 to \$37.74—9 x 12 ft.

Reduced from \$67.24 to \$48.89—10 1/2 x 12 ft.

Reduced from \$71.50 to \$55.24—10 1/2 x 13 1/2 ft.

Reduced from \$80.50 to \$61.24—11 1/4 x 15 ft.

Body Brussels Rugs Reduced

Reduced from \$19.24 to \$15.48—6 x 9 ft.

Reduced from \$24.48 to \$20.48—8 1/4 x 10 1/2 ft.

Reduced from \$26.74 to \$21.74—9 x 12 ft.

Reduced from \$36.48 to \$29.24—9 x 15 ft.

Reduced from \$45.78 to \$31.48—10 1/2 x 13 1/2 ft.

Reduced from \$52.48 to \$36.33—11 1/4 x 15 ft.

"Light:" Heavy Economies

49c. for 74c. "Lindsay" Upright Lights, complete.

69c. for 93c. "Lindsay" Inverted Lights, complete.

69c. for 87c. "Welsbach" Upright Lights, complete.

97c. for \$1.69 "Welsbach Reflex" Inverted Lights, complete.

\$1.29 for \$1.97 Art Glass Shade, 10-in., with fringe.

\$2.39 for \$3.69 Art Glass Dome, with fringe.

\$1.98 for \$2.49 Black Gas Portable with art shade.

\$2.69 for \$3.74 Old Brass Gas Portable, 10-in. green shades, best tubing and incandescent burner.

\$1.89 for \$2.49 Decorated Glass Banquet Lamp, 10-in. globe, central draught burner.

\$1.98 for \$3.97 Mission Electric Lamp, with art glass shade.

\$1.98 for \$3.97 Mission Gas Lamp, with art glass shade, tubing and burner.

\$2.69 for \$3.86 Gilt Banquet Lamps, central draught burner, 10-in. art glass shade with fringe.

\$3.89 for \$5.89 Black Iron Mission Electric Lamp, leaded glass shade and fringe.

\$4.49 for \$5.89 Black Iron Mission Oil Lamp, leaded glass shade with fringe, central draught burner.

\$3.49 for \$4.89 Black Iron Oil Chandelier, 13-in. art glass dome and fringe.

\$5.89 for \$7.89 Black Iron Gas Chandelier, 15-in. leaded glass dome with fringe, 2 lights on outside.

\$6.49 for \$8.49 Black Iron Oil Chandelier, 14-in. art glass dome and fringe, central draught burner.

\$8.97 for \$11.89 Black Iron Gas Chandelier, 18-in. leaded glass dome and fringe, 2 lights on outside.

\$19.89 for \$23.89 Old Brass Gas Chandelier, 24-in. leaded glass dome.

\$19.89 for \$24.89 Old Brass Electric Chandelier, 24-in. leaded glass dome 4 inside lights.

Higher-priced Lamps up to \$500.00.

CROWDED OUT—Women's Waists, Silk Petticoats, Misses' Wear, Silks, Dress Goods, Furniture, Grocery and Underprice Basement Specials.

White Goods

They await your coming—as meritorious a line of White Goods as you'll find. The deeper you break through the crust the more prettinesses you'll find.

Here are some specials to set you breaking:

15c for Imported Union Linen Suiting; made in Ireland; half linen, medium weight, 38 inches wide. 19c for Shirting Madras, neat, tossed-up stripes, also figures, for men's shirts and boys' waists; 32 inches wide.

34c for Imported Mercerized Mousseline, made in England, and Mercerized Tissu de Paris, made in France; 46 inches wide. Two rivals—both beautiful.

49c for Imported Hand-Woven Chiffon Batiste; made in Switzerland for American dames and damsels—48 inches wide—the BATISTE.

79c for Imported French Crepe cloth—one of the most popular of the season's weaves. The crepe effect is permanent; 32 inches wide.

Stern Brothers

Monday, a collection of

Ready-made Suits & Costumes

At Exceptionally Low Prices

Satin de Chine Gowns, with net yoke and sleeves, entire dress handsomely embroidered, Value \$70.00, \$54.00

Messaline Silk Gowns, with chiffon body and tucked sleeves, trimmed with self color lace, Value \$58.00, 42.50

Taffeta Silk Dresses, with self color satin stripe, body handsomely embroidered, Value \$30.00, 21.50

French Linen Dresses, two styles, in all the new colors, Value \$18.00, 12.50

Walking Suits, of French Serge, entire suit handsomely embroidered, Value \$60.00, 45.00

Boys' and Children's Clothing

Special Offering of

WASHABLE RUSSIAN SUITS, of Imported Repps and Madras, Value \$4.50, at \$2.95

BOYS' SPRING REEFERS, of Fine Serges and Mixtures, Specially Priced at 7.95

NORFOLK AND DOUBLE-BREADED SUITS, of high grade Blue Serges and Fancy Mixtures, at 9.95

Men's Terry Cloth Bath Robes

extra heavy quality, choice patterns, Value \$4.50, at \$2.95

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SECOND FLOOR

Oriental Carpets and Rugs

At Greatly Reduced Prices

KIRMANSHAH, SAROUK AND TEBRIZ CARPETS,

at \$187.00, 227.00, 315.00 to 648.00

Formerly \$250.00, 350.00, 450.00 to 900.00

ANTIQUE AND MODERN PERSIAN RUGS, SIZES FROM

6 FT. TO 8 FT. WIDE BY 13 FT. TO 20 FT. LONG,

at \$143.00, 168.00, 225.00 to 238.00

Formerly \$375.00, 450.00 to 475.00

Choice Afghan Rugs, at \$67.00

Formerly \$85.00 to 110.00

To-morrow, an Unusual Offering

Dress Silks

Shantung Pongees

27 inches wide, Superior Quality, in a large assortment of the newest shades, also white and natural, at 65c

Regularly \$1.25 Yard

Imported Black Dress Satin

43 inches wide, Mousseline Finish, Value \$2.50 Yard, at \$1.65

Black Satin Finish Foulards

24 inches wide, perspiration and shower proof, Value 85c Yard, at 50c

Exceptional Values in their

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A collection of

Fancy Colored Novelty Bandings, with metal combinations, including White and Gold and Black and Gold, 1 to 5 inches wide, at 38c, 68c, 85c, 98c, \$1.25

Regular Values 75c to \$3.25 Yard

Real Baby and Heavy Irish Crochet

Laces and Insertions, 1/4 to 6 inches wide, at 75c to \$5.25

Regular Values \$1.15 to 7.50 Yard

Real Point Applique, Bruges and Point Flandres

Laces and Galleons, 2 1/2 to 7 inches wide, at 68c to \$2.25

Regular Values \$1.10 to 3.50 Yard

Fancy Net, Venise and Embroidered Tosca

Laces and Bandings, 1 1/2 to 5 in. wide, in white, ecru and Persian, at 22c to \$2.75

Regular Values 40c to \$4.25 Yard

Colored & Black Dress Goods

A New Importation Just Received

3000 Yds. French Chiffon Prunellas,

Satin finish, in the most fashionable colors and black, at 78c

Regular Value \$1.25 Yard

Special Sale of

Linen & Cotton Dress Fabrics

12000 Yds. Silk Embroidered Chiffons and French Finish Fancy Voiles, in self togged colors, also Zephyr Gingham in stripes and checks, at 14c

Value 25c to 40c Yard

3500 Yds. Imported Linen Suitings, 27 and 32 inches wide, medium weight, in a variety of styles and colors, at 25c

Value 50c Yard

Also 475 Embroidered Robes,

of Batiste, Linenette and other materials, with insertions to match, Value \$9.00, at \$3.75

Summer Curtains and Spreads

Attractively Priced for the Coming Season

Novelty Net Curtains, Pair \$3.00, 6.00

Colonial Panel Curtains, " 5.75, 7.50

Colored Madras Curtains, " \$3.50, 5.50, 6.50

Colored Organdie Bed Spreads, Set 2.75

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